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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

Washington, D. C.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: All Branch and Section Heads

SUBJECT: Continued Security Obligations

It is requested that you undertake to advise all personnel in your branch or section of the necessity for continued careful adherence to OSS Security Regulations.

There must be no relaxation of the high security standards maintained by OSS in the past. Any such relaxation can result in a serious compromise to present and contemplated OSS activities and can represent a source of danger to OSS personnel in the field.

Recent speculation about OSS activities appearing in the news or editorial columns of the press, and alleged factual reports of operations in which OSS has engaged, in no way release our personnel from their security obligations. Those who are not clear on this score should reread OSS Security Order #1 and the Oath of Office.

It is a matter of concern that the usefulness of this organization may be impaired by indiscretion and carelessness. Accordingly the Security Office has been instructed to investigate violations and to recommend appropriate disciplinary steps to the Director.

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